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Via Electronic Filing (ECFS)

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
236 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E.
Suite 110
Washington, D.C. 20002

Re: Facility ID No. 14050
WNOL-DT, New Orleans, Louisiana
Request for Waiver of Interference Protection Deadline
and Renewal of DTV STA
MB Docket No. 03-15

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Tribune Television New Orleans, Inc. ("Tribune"), licensee of WNOL-TV-DT, New Orleans, Louisiana, hereby requests a waiver of the interference protection deadline and a renewal of its Special Temporary Authority ("STA") to remain off-the-air following the severe damage inflicted by Hurricane Katrina to its transmission facilities. *See* FCC File No. BSTA-20051104AEI. WNOL's broadcast transmission plant was inundated with water by Hurricane Katrina and its analog and digital transmitting facilities were completely destroyed.

Before Hurricane Katrina made landfall, Tribune was operating DTV facilities for WNOL that satisfied the applicable use-it-or-lose-it requirements to WNOL. *See* FCC File No. 20030729AJR; FCC File No. BEDSTA-20050308ACL. Following the hurricane, Tribune submitted an initial STA request for WNOL's DTV facility to remain off-the-air pursuant to temporary procedures implemented by the Media Bureau. *See* Public Notice, "Media Bureau Announces Procedures to Promote the Resumption of Radio and Television Broadcast Service to Areas Impacted by Hurricane Katrina," DA 05-2393, released August 31, 2005. The Media Bureau granted that request on December 12, 2005. *See* FCC File No. BSTA-20051104AEI.

In the aftermath of Katrina, Tribune's first priority has been restoring, stabilizing and improving WNOL's temporary analog service. As it continues to improve WNOL's analog service, Tribune is evaluating several broadcast transmission facility options for restoring WNOL's DTV service. A final decision has been delayed in part because Tribune has been unable to get sufficient information from the Army Corps of Engineers regarding the integrity of the soon to be reconstructed protection levies. This information will, in turn, impact the minimum commercial base flood elevation to be specified in local building codes in and around New Orleans. During the period in which WNOL-DT remains off-the-air, Tribune has arranged

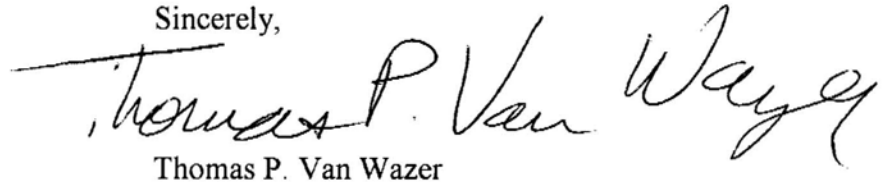
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to include the WNOL-DT programming as an SDTV feed in the broadcast DTV signal of WPXL-DT in New Orleans.

For these reasons, Tribune submits that the requested waiver of the interference protection deadline should be granted because it has clearly been unable to restore WNOL's DTV operations due to circumstances beyond its control. Indeed, the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina is a textbook example of the unforeseen and uncontrollable event that warrants an extension of the interference protection deadline. For the same reason, Tribune also requests a renewal of its DTV STA to allow WNOL-DT to remain off the air until it can finalize its plans to restore WNOL's DTV operations.

Please direct any questions regarding this request to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Thomas P. Van Wazer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Thomas" and last name "Wazer" being more prominent than the middle initial "P".

Thomas P. Van Wazer